In the Claims:

1 1.	[Amended]	An image	forming	device	comprising
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an image engine configured to form hard images;

an environmental sensor configured to monitor at least one environmental condition proximate to the image forming device and to provide data indicative of the at least one environmental condition; and

an interface configured to communicate the data indicative of the at least one environmental condition externally of the image forming device;

a memory; and

processing circuitry configured to control storage of the data using the memory to provide a history of the environmental conditions to which the image forming device has been exposed.

- 2. [Original] The device of claim 1 wherein the image engine is configured to use a consumable to form the hard images, and the interface comprises a memory of the consumable.
- 3. [Original] The device of claim 1 wherein the interface comprises a communications interface adapted to communicate with devices external of the image forming device.
- 4. [Original] The device of claim 1 further comprising processing circuitry configured as an embedded web server and configured to communicate the data with respect to a client device external of the image forming device.
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- 6. [Amended] The device of claim § 1 wherein the processing circuitry is configured to control the storage of the data at a predetermined moment in time.

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7.	[Amended]	The	device	of	claim	5	<u>1</u>	wherein	the	proce	essing
circuitry is	configured to r	monito	or the d	ata	and to	СО	ntro	ol the sto	rage	of the	data
responsive	to the monitori	ing.									

- 8. [Original] The device of claim 1 further comprising an internal power source configured to provide power to the sensor in an absence of power from a source external of the image forming device.
- 9. [Original] The device of claim 1 wherein the environmental sensor is configured to monitor the at least one environmental condition comprising a plurality of environmental conditions proximate to the image forming device and comprising humidity and temperature.
- 10. [Original] The device of claim 1 wherein the image engine comprises a print engine of the image forming device embodied as a printer.
- 11. [Amended] A method of operating an image forming device, the method comprising:

providing an image forming device configured to form hard images;

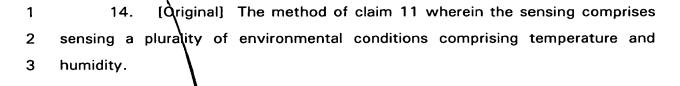
sensing at least one environmental condition of an environment proximate to the image forming device; and

communicating data regarding the at least one environmental condition externally of the image forming device; and

receiving a request within the image forming device from a source external of the image forming device, and the communicating comprises communicating responsive to the receiving.

- 12. [Original] The method of claim 11 wherein the providing comprises providing the image forming device configured to use a consumable to form hard images, and the communicating comprises storing the data regarding the at least one environmental condition using the consumable.
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- 15. [Original] The method of claim 11 wherein the providing comprises providing the image forming device embodied as a printer.
- 16. [Amended] A method of monitoring an environment proximate to an image forming device configured to form hard images, the method comprising:

providing an image forming device configured to form hard images and to monitor at least one environmental condition proximate to the image forming device and to communicate data regarding the at least one environmental condition externally of the image forming device; and

receiving the data regarding the at least one environmental condition from the image forming device; and

analyzing the data regarding the at least one environmental condition after the receiving to determine a quantitative parameter for the at least one environmental condition for testing other image forming devices.

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- 18. [Original] The method of claim 16 further comprising communicating a request to the image forming device, and wherein the communicating the data is responsive to the communicating the request.
- 19. [Original] The method of claim 16 wherein the providing comprises providing the image forming device configured to use a consumable, and wherein the receiving the data comprises extracting the data from the consumable.

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8 9 20. Original] The method of claim 16 wherein the providing comprises providing the image forming device configured to monitor the at least one environmental condition comprising a plurality of environmental conditions comprising temperature and humidity.

Syl Syl 21 [New] An image forming device comprising:

an image engine configured to form hard images;

an environmental sensor configured to monitor at least one environmental condition proximate to the image forming device and to provide data indicative of the at least one environmental condition;

an interface configured to communicate the data indicative of the at least one environmental condition externally of the image forming device; and

an internal power source configured to provide power to the sensor in an absence of power from a source external of the image forming device.

22. [New] An image forming device comprising:

an image engine configured to form hard images;

an environmental sensor configured to monitor at least one environmental condition comprising humidity proximate to the image forming device and to provide data indicative of the at least one environmental condition; and

an interface configured to communicate the data indicative of the at least one environmental condition externally of the image forming device.

23. [New] An image forming device comprising:

an image engine configured to form hard images;

an environmental sensor configured to monitor at least one environmental condition proximate to the image forming device and to provide data indicative of the at least one environmental condition;

an interface configured to communicate the data indicative of the at least one environmental condition externally of the image forming device; and

wherein the image engine is configured to use a consumable to form the hard images, and the interface comprises a memory of the consumable.